

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18913

The purpose of this legislation is to add "telepharmacy" to the definition of "drug outlet" in the Pharmacy Practice Act (Title 54, Chapter 17, Idaho Code) and to define it, thereby allowing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate rules regarding the practice of telepharmacy in Idaho. The Board of Pharmacy was planning to address telepharmacy within the next two to three years, but a couple issues have arisen recently that require addressing the telepharmacy issue in a more timely manner. For example, CMS (Medicare) has issued new regulations requiring "first order review." Some hospitals are parts of systems based in other states and since their pharmacists are not licensed in Idaho, they cannot do first order review in the system office, taking away important cost saving measures. The rules promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy would create a process and regulate how and when that would be allowed to occur.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

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